

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 remain for consideration in the above-referenced patent application. Duplicative claim 27 is canceled and reintroduced as new claim 42 by the present amendment to the claims. Accordingly, claims 1-42 remain for consideration.

This Preliminary Amendment is made to correct the original unintentional numbering mistake which resulted in two different claims awarded the number "27". The duplicative claim 27 is now canceled and reintroduced as a new claim 42. Accordingly, the amendments to the claims are supported by the present specification and introduce no new matter.

In this Preliminary Amendment, claim 13, which recites various diseases and conditions to be treated, is amended so that the recitation of the diseases and conditions is consistent with those of claims 3 and 29, both of which recite rheumatoid arthritis. This amendment is made solely for purposes of clarity and definiteness of the claims, and for no other reason. It introduces no new matter.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments to the claims is respectfully requested.

If any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 858-200-0581.

Respectfully submitted,

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